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NEW PRICE-LIST FOR 1953

ATTENTION PLEASE . . . THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU!

The following is a complete Price-List of the roses described in our catalog 1952-1953, of which you have been sent a copy.

Also included is a description, with prices, of the additional varieties, old and modern, we offer for next season, indicated by the word "new" in the Price-List.

Prices for 1953 are adjusted both **upward** and **downward** as decided by the patent owners of modern roses, and in accordance with our estimated harvest of the old-fashioned and unusual kinds. The price of an old-type rose does not indicate its relative merit. We still believe in the old-fashioned law of supply and demand as the best and fairest means of determining true value.

To save confusion, correspondence and delay, **please check your order against this new Price-List.** We promise this inconvenience will not be repeated . . . you will have a new "**Roses of Yesterday and Today**" for 1954.

ALPHABETICAL PRICE LIST 1953

IMPORTANT! Check with your order.

VARIETY

	EACH PRICE
Adeline	1.75
Agnes	Sold Out
Aloha	2.50
American Beauty Bush	2.00
American Beauty Climbing	2.00
Angels Mateu	1.75
Applause	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Arrillaga	1.75
Auguste Roussel	1.50
Austrian Copper	2.00
Banksia White	2.00
Banksia Yellow	2.50
Barbarossa	Discontinued
Baroness Rothchild	3 @ 4.50 1.75
Barrone Prevost	3 @ 4.50 1.75
Beauty of Glazenvood	2.00
Belinda	3 @ 4.00 1.50
Belle Isis	1.50
Belle Blanca	Supply Limited—2.00
Belle Portugal	Supply Limited—1.75
Bess Lovett	1.75
Best Regards	1.50
Betty Prior	1.50
Betty Uprichard	1.50
Billy Boiler	Supply Limited—2.00
Black Prince	2.25
Blanc dbl. de Coubert	1.50
Blanche Moreau	Discontinued
Blaze	1.50
Bloomfield Courage	1.65
Bloomfield Dainty	1.65
Bon Silene	1.50
Boudoir	1.75
Bravo	3 @ 6.00 2.25
Breeze Hill	Supply Limited—2.00
Bridesmaid	1.50
Bright Eyes	1.50
Buccaneer	New—2.75
Butterscotch	1.50
California	1.50
Cameo	3 @ 3.50 1.35
Capistrano	3 @ 6.00 2.25
Capt. Christy	1.75
Capt. Hayward	Supply Limited—1.50
Cardinal de Richelieu	Supply Limited—2.00
Carrousel	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Cascadia	Supply Limited—1.75
Castilian	2.00
Cat-in-Bag	.75
Catherine Mermet	New—1.75
Cecile Brunner Bush	3 @ 3.50—1.35
Cecile Brunner Climbing	1.50
Charles Mallerin	New—2.50
Charlotte Armstrong	3 @ 5.25—2.00
Charmaine	1.50
Cherokee Rose	2.00
Chestnut Rose	2.50
Chief Seattle	New—2.50
China Doll	Sold Out
Christopher Stone Bush	1.50
Christopher Stone Climbing	1.75
Chromatella	Discontinued

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	EACH PRICE
Chrysler Imperial	New—3.00
City of York	1.75
Clio	1.50
Col. Campbell Watson	Discontinued
Colette Clement	1.75
Comtesse de Murinais	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Comtesse Riza Du Parc	1.50
Conrad F. Meyer	Discontinued
Contrast	Discontinued
Cornelia	1.75
Coupe d'Hebe	2.00
Cramois Des Alpes	2.00
Creeping Everbloom	3 @ 4.50 1.75
Crested Moss	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Crimson Emblem	1.75
Crimson Glory	3 @ 4.65 1.75
Crimson Glory Climbing	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Curly Pink	1.75
Dainty Bess Bush and Climbing	1.50
Dame Edith Helen Bush	Sold Out
Dame Edith Helen Climbing	1.75
Daphne	1.50
Debonair	3 @ 4.65 1.75
Delicata	Supply Limited—2.00
Desiree Parmentier	Supply Limited—2.00
Donald Prior	3 @ 4.00 1.50
Doris Ryker	Supply Limited—1.50
Double Brique	1.50
Dream Girl	3 @ 6.00 2.25
Dr. Huey	10 or more—each 1.00 Single plants 1.35
Dr. J. H. Nicholas	Supply Limited—2.00
Dr. W. Van Fleet	1.50
Duc De Guiche	1.50
Duchess of Sutherland	3 @ 4.50 1.75
Duchesse De Brabant	3 @ 4.50 1.75
Duchesse d'Istrie	1.75
Duke of Teck	Supply Limited—1.50
Dumortier	Supply Limited—1.50
Eclair	Discontinued
Ednah Thomas	1.75
Eglantine	1.75
Elegance	3 @ 4.75 1.75
Elie Beauvillain	Discontinued
Elinor La Grice	Discontinued
Else Poulsen	3 @ 3.75 1.50
Ena Harkness	New—3 @ 4.50 1.75
Enchantment	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Everest	1.75
Fandango	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Fanny Bias	1.75
Fantastique	Sold out until 1954
Fashion	3 @ 5.00 2.00
Felberg's R. Druschki	Discontinued
Felicite Bohain	2.00
Ferdinand Pichard	2.00
Fiesta	Supply Limited—2.00
First Love	3 @ 6.00 2.25
Fisher Holmes	Discontinued
F. J. Grootendorst	1.50
Flash	1.75

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Floradora	3 @ 3.50 1.35	Kaiserin Auguste Viktoria	1.50
Fortschritt	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Karen Poulsen	3 @ 3.85 1.50
Forty-Niner	3 @ 6.00 2.25	Kate Rainbow	Sold Out
Frances Ashton	1.50	Katherine T. Marshall	3 @ 4.65 1.75
Francis E. Lester	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Kathleen	3 @ 4.00 1.50
Frau Karl Druschki	1.50	Kathleen Mills	Supply Very Limited—2.00
Fred Edmunds	1.75	Kazanlik	2.00
Frensham	Supply Limited—1.75	Lady Penzance	1.75
Gabrielle Privat	3 @ 3.60 1.40	La France	2.25
Garnette	New—Supply Limited—1.75	La France, Climber	2.25
General Jacqueminot	1.75	Lady Ashtown	Discontinued
George Arends	1.75	La Marne	1.35
Geranium Red	New—3 @ 4.00 1.50	Lamarque	2.00
George Dickson	1.50	La Neige	2.00
Glen Dale	1.75	Lavender Pinocchio	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Gloire de Dijon	2.00	Lipstick	1.50
Gloire des Mousseux	3 @ 5.25 2.00	Lissy Horstman	New—2.00
Goethe	1.50	Little Compton Creeper	3 @ 4.75 1.75
Golden Glow	1.75	Los Angles, Climber	1.50
Golden Moss	3 @ 4.75 1.75	Louis Gimard	2.00
Golden Pyramid	Discontinued	Louis Phillippe	1.50
Goldilocks	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Louise Crette	1.50
Gold Rush	3 @ 4.50 1.75	Lowell Thomas	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Good News	3 @ 4.50 1.75	Lucie Marie	1.75
Grace Wayman	Supply Limited—1.50	Lucia Zuloaga	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Grand Cramoisi	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Mabel Turner	New—1.50
Grande Duchesse Charlotte	3 @ 4.50 1.75	Magic Carpet	3 @ 4.50 1.75
Green Rose	2.00	Maiden's Blush	1.75
Grey Pearl	Supply Very Limited—2.75	Maman Cochet	2.00
Gros Provins Panache	Discontinued	Maman Cochet, Climber	2.00
Gruss an Aachen	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Maman Cochet, White Bush	2.00
Gruss an Teplitz	1.50	Ma Perkins	New—2.25
Hadley	1.50	Marechal Niel	Supply Very Limited—2.50
Hadley, Climber	1.50	Margo Koster	3 @ 3.65 1.35
Hamburg, Climber	Supply Limited—1.50	Marie Louise	Discontinued
Hansa	3 @ 4.50 1.75	Marie Van Houtte	1.75
Harison's Yellow	Supply Very Limited—2.00	Marjorie W. Lester	1.50
Heart's Desire, Climber	1.75	Mark Sullivan	1.50
Hebe's Lip	Discontinued	Marshall P. Wilder	1.75
Heinrich Con. Soth	1.50	Marytje Cazant	3 @ 3.50 1.35
Helen Traubel	3 @ 7.50 2.75	Masquerade	New—3 @ 5.25 2.00
Henri Martin	1.75	Max Graf	3 @ 5.00 2.00
Henry Nevard	1.75	May Queen	1.50
Hermosa	3 @ 4.00 1.50	McGredy's Ivory	3 @ 3.85 1.50
High Noon	3 @ 6.00 2.25	McGredy's Scarlet	Sold Out
Hippolyte Jamain	Discontinued	McGredy's Yellow	3 @ 3.85 1.50
Hofgartner Kalb	New—1.75	Mermaid	2.25
Hon. Ina Bingham	New—1.75	Ming Toy	1.50
Hon. Lady Lindsay	2.00	Miniature Tree Roses	New—3 @ 9.00 3.50
Hortulanus Budde	1.75	Mirandy	3 @ 5.25 2.00
Hugonis	Supply Limited—2.00	Mission Bells	3 @ 6.00 2.25
Innocence	1.75	Mme. Alfred Carriere	Discontinued
Irene of Denmark	New—3 @ 4.00 1.50	Mme. Butterfly	Supply Limited—2.00
Irish Fireflame	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek	1.75
Isabella Sprunt	Discontinued	Mme. d'Hebray	Supply Limited—1.50
Isobel	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Mme. Edmund Labbe	Discontinued
Jean Lafitte	1.50	Mme. Gregoire Staechlin	1.75
Jeanne de Montfort	3 @ 4.75 1.75	Mme. Gabriel Luizet	Discontinued
J. B. Clark	Discontinued	Mme. Hardy	3 @ 4.50 1.75
John Hopper	New—1.75	Mme. Henri Guillot, Climber	3 @ 5.25 2.00
John Russell	Discontinued	Mme. Jules Bouche	3 @ 4.00 1.50
Jonkheer J. L. Mock	Discontinued	Mme. Jules Bouche, Climber	3 @ 4.00 1.50
Jubilee	Supply Limited—2.00	Mme. Lombard	1.50
Juno	3 @ 6.00 2.25	Mme. Louise Leveque	3 @ 5.25 2.00
		Mme. Melanie Soupert	1.50
		Mme. Victor Verdier	Discontinued
		Mrs. Anthony Waterer	3 @ 4.50 1.75

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Mrs. B. R. Cant	1.50	Reine des Violettes	3 @ 4.50 1.75
Mrs. Dudley Cross	1.75	Reveil Dijonnais	Supply Limited—1.75
Mrs. Foley Hobbs	Discontinued	Reve d'Or	Supply Limited—1.50
Mrs. John Laing	1.75	Roger Lambelin	2.00
Mrs. Joseph Hiess	3 @ 3.65—1.35	Rosabel Walker	1.75
Mrs. Miniver	Sold out until 1954	R. Andersonii	2.00
Mrs. R. M. Finch	3 @ 3.65—1.35	R. Damascena	1.75
Mrs. Wakefield Christie-Miller	Discontinued	R. Highdownensis	2.00
Musk Rose	3 @ 4.00—1.50	R. Moschata Abyssinica	1.50
Musk—McCoy's Double	1.50	R. Moyesi	1.75
Musk Seedling No. 5—Wind Chimes	1.50	R. Alpina	Discontinued
Musk Double Seedling—Musketeer	1.50	R. Multiflora Cathayensis	Supply Limited—2.00
Musk Special Seedling—Arabian Nights	1.50	R. Omeiensis	2.25
Narcisse de Salvandy	Discontinued	R. Soulleiana	Supply Limited—1.75
Narzisse	3 @ 4.00—1.50	R. Spinossissima Lutea	Supply Very Limited—2.00
Neige Parfum	Sold out until 1954	R. Willmottiae	2.00
Nellie E. Hillock, Bush and Climber	1.75	Rose a Parfum de l'Hay	2.00
Nestor	Supply Limited—1.50	Rose des Peintres	Supply Limited—2.00
Nevada	1.75	Rosenelfe	3 @ 3.85—1.50
New Yorker	New—2.00	Rose of Freedom	3 @ 4.65—1.75
Nigger Boy	3 @ 4.50	Rosette Delizy	Supply Limited—1.75
Nocturne	3 @ 5.25—2.00	Rubaiyat	3 @ 4.65—1.75
Nora Cunningham	New—1.75	Rugosa Magnifica	2.00
Nouveau Vulcain	1.75	Ruskin	Supply Very Limited—2.00
Nova Zembla	Discontinued	Ruth, Climber	2.00
Nuria de Recelona	Discontinued		
Old Blush	1.75	Safrano	1.50
Old Gold	1.75	Salet	2.00
Old Spanish Rose	3 @ 4.00—1.50	San Fernando, Bush	3 @ 4.65—1.75
Opal Brunner	1.50	San Fernando, Climber	2.00
Opera	New—3 @ 5.25—2.00	San Gabriel	1.75
Ophelia	1.75	San Luis Rey	1.75
Orange Triumph	3 @ 3.65—1.35	Sanguinaire	Supply Limited—2.00
Parkzierde	Discontinued	Sarah Van Fleet	Supply Limited—2.00
Paul Neyron	1.75	Satan	Sold Out
Paul's Lemon Pillar	1.50	Saturnia	1.75
Peace, Bush	3 @ 6.60—2.50	Schoener's Nutkana	1.50
Peace, Climber	3 @ 6.60—2.50	Scorcher	Supply Limited—1.75
Penelope	Discontinued	Seven Sisters	1.75
Perle d'Or	3 @ 3.85—1.50	Sheelagh Baird	3 @ 4.00—1.50
Persian Yellow	1.75	Shot Silk, Bush	3 @ 4.50—1.75
Picture, Bush	1.50	Shot Silk, Climber	3 @ 4.50—1.75
Picture, Climber	2.00	Show Girl, Bush	3 @ 4.65—1.75
Pike's Peak	Discontinued	Show Girl, Climber	3 @ 5.25—2.00
Pilar Landecho	2.00	Sierra Glow	1.75
Pink Bountiful	3 @ 4.00—1.50	Silver Moon	1.75
Pink Grootendorst	1.75	Smiles	Sold Out
Pinkie, Climber	2.75	Snowbird	3 @ 3.85—1.50
Pink Lady	Discontinued	Snowbank	3 @ 3.85—1.50
Pink Moss	3 @ 5.25—2.00	Sonata	1.75
Pink Princess	1.75	Souv. de la Malmaison, Bush	
Pink Rosette	1.75	Supply Very Limited	2.00
Pink Satin	New—1.50	Souv. de la Malmaison, Climber	1.75
Pinocchio	3 @ 3.85—1.50	Splendens	1.75
Pittsburgh	Discontinued	Springtime	1.35
Polly	Supply Limited—1.75	Studientrat Schlenz	1.50
Portadown Fragrance	New—2.00	Stella Polaris	New—1.75
Prima Donna	1.75	Summer Snow	Discontinued
Prince Camille de Rohan	Supply Limited—2.00	Sunday Best	1.75
Ragged Robin	1.50	Sungold, Climber	1.75
Raubritter	1.75	Suntan	1.75
Red Moss	3 @ 5.25—2.00	Susan Louise	3 @ 3.85—1.50
Red Pinocchio	3 @ 3.85—1.50	Sutter's Gold	3 @ 6.00—2.25
Red Ripples	Discontinued	Suzon Lotthe	3 @ 6.50—2.50
		Sweet Sixteen	1.75
		Symphonie	Supply Limited—2.50

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Taffeta	3 @ 4.65 1.75	Veilchenblau	3 @ 3.85 1.50
Tallyho	3 @ 5.25 2.00	Victor Verdier	Discontinued
Tausendschoen	Supply Limited—1.75	Violette	1.50
The Beacon	Sold out until 1954	Vogue	3 @ 6.00 2.25
The Doctor	3 @ 4.00 1.50	White Gold	Discontinued
The Fairy	3 @ 4.00 1.50	White Wings	1.50
Thusnelda	1.75	Will Rogers	1.50
Triomphe de l'Exposition	Supply Limited—1.75	Wm. R. Smith	Discontinued
Ulrich Brunner	1.50	World's Fair	3 @ 3.85 1.50
Valentine	3 @ 5.25 2.00	Yellow Cecile Brunner, Climber	1.75
Vanguard	3 @ 4.00 1.50	Yellow Pinocchio	1.50
Variegata di Bologna	3 @ 4.50 1.75	York and Lancaster	1.75
		Yours Truly	1.50



ADDITIONAL VARIETIES FOR SEASON 1953

The following in our judgment, are the best of the latest creations, All-America Winners, and those of the old-type roses which we have tested and are now ready to offer in fair quantity.

Many others of unusual beauty and interest will be ready for season 1954. By selection of the best from many choices, and discarding the least worthy, our collection already, has become beautiful and important.

Bess Lovett. Large flowering climber. (1915). This handsome Van Fleet Climber moves up from our limited quantity "Collectors' Items" into a position with our leaders. Produces over a long season, beautifully cup-formed, fragrant, large double flowers in a distinctive, light-red shade—especially glossy dark foliage. VERY pretty in the growing fields this summer. Each 1.75

Buccaneer H. T. P.A.F. We are fortunate in having a fair quantity of the new Armstrong rose for 1953—"the brightest, yellowest rose with the most lasting color you have ever seen." Tall-growing and extremely vigorous . . . with all the beauty and good health, typical of the Armstrong creations. Each 2.75

Capt. Christy. H. Tea. (1873). Another variety, formerly listed in "Collectors' Items" which, after three years observation moves up into commercial production. Very large, globular, fragrant blooms, in flesh pink, with darker centers . . . beautifully formed. Very free, recurrent bloom. Eighty years old and still unsurpassed for delicacy and charm. Each 1.75

Catherine Mermet. Tea. (1869). Outstanding among our several Tea Roses, not only for the fine form and delicate flesh-pink coloring, but for the long, strong cutting stems and abounding good health of the plants. Remember these tea roses NEVER stop blooming. 3 for 4.50 Each 1.75

Charles Mallerin H. T. Patent 933. I will risk an argument with anybody (except Roy Hennessey, of course) by stating that Charles Mallerin is my favorite among the modern red hybrid teas . . . I challenge anyone to come upon it unexpectedly, without a spontaneous exclamation! It is a typical man's rose—the darkest of reds . . . as big as Peace, with more distinctive, velvety reflexed petals . . . a stem to delight a florist—a plant to please even ultra-critical Harris Darcy of Austin . . . a bouquet to make a lady happy . . . what more can you ask for 2.50. Each 2.50

Chief Seattle. H. Tea. Patent 1030. The Armstrong introduction for 1952, and official rose for the City of Seattle's Centennial Celebration. "You'll look long for more perfect flowers or a plant as fine" say the originators. Produces big, high-centered, many-petaled blooms of rich old-gold. Each 2.50

Chrysler Imperial H. T. P.A.F. Dr. Walter Lammerts is once again in the lime-light for this AARS winner, 1953. Produces freely on a very luxuriant plant, large, exhibition-type blooms in very rich and changing shades of crimson red with darker overtones. Performs beautifully anywhere, coastal or inland, full sun or part shade. Due no doubt, to the Truman administration, the price, we whisper is a good round 3.00. Each 3.00

Double Brique. Gallica. Admired by the catalog-writer in the east and just getting out of "Collector's Items." The unusually handsome foliage and rose-pink double blooms, with the silver shadings to the edges, place it with the best of the Gallicas. Each 1.50

Ena Harkness. H. Tea. (1946). England. We are honored to receive a personal letter from Mr. Harkness including his "Harkness Rose Catalog 1953" from which we quote verbatim, the description of his fine rose Ena Harkness—"A rich crimson-scarlet rose of fine shape and vivid hue, which holds its glowing colour until the petals drop. The Habit of growth is upright, and ideal for bedding. We find it most resistant to all diseases. One of the earliest varieties to flower, it is especially happy in moist conditions, when it will frequently produce flowers of exhibition quality. The flowers have a distinctive form, the centre petals making a most attractive heart, from which the tips tend to curl back, while the outer petals suggest they are performing the office of a sheath. Awarded the Clay Cup for fragrance. RECOMMENDED AS THE FINEST ROSE IN THIS CATALOG." If you were in England it would cost you only four shillings, but this is America, friend. 3 for 4.50; Each 1.75

Garnette. Floribunda. 2-2½ feet. Long famous as a dark-red corsage rose—now growing beautifully out-doors. Unbelievably long-lasting without fading both on the bush and after cutting . . . handsome holly-like foliage. We will reserve some of our enthusiastic adjectives for a larger supply, alas, than is available 1953. Each 1.75

Geranium Red. Floribunda. Patent 811. 2 feet. Rated Floribunda but almost as large and double as the average hybrid tea . . . unique in the ruffled appearance of its heart petals, and as brilliant almost, as the old-fashioned scarlet-red geranium . . . rose-geranium fragrance. Passes our rigid test that any new variety offered by us must be distinctive and outstanding in its class. 3 for 4.00; Each 1.50

Hofgartner Kalb. China. (1914). 3-4 feet. As we write in mid July our plants are already 3-4 feet tall and are literally covered with large, lively-pink double fragrant blooms, which will keep coming profusely until frost. This is the China rose at its profuse best! Each 1.75

Hon. Ina Bingham. H. P. (1905). "Um-m-m-m, what a rose," says "Hon. Secretary" returning from the growing field in mid-July. "Amen, and what fragrance," says the catalog-writer with his nose in one of those great big pink beauties. This, gentle reader, should be written on YOUR list. Each 1.75

Irene of Denmark. Floribunda. Patent 889. 2½ feet. The famous Poulsen family of Denmark have just given us a white, profuse-blooming Floribunda, unique among the whites in this class, because of its fine H. T. form. All the Poulsen creations are noted for their healthy, glossy foliage, hardiness and abundant bloom. A welcome addition to our select list. 3 for 4.00; Each 1.50

John Hopper. H. P. (1862). Another of those typical vigorous, bushy hybrid perpetuals to catch our fancy. Unusual for its bright rose tones and lilac shadings—large, double and intensely fragrant. Repeats if it likes you. Each 1.75

Lissy Horstmann. H. Tea. (1943). A Mathias Tantau (German) creation introduced by Conard-Pyle, with Hadley in its parentage. This rates among the most brilliant scarlet-crimson roses we have ever seen—large, cupped very double, heavily perfumed, on long strong stems. Will make any and all the latest reds look to their laurels. If you don't like Lissy, "double your money back." Each 1.75

Mabel Turner. Hybrid Tea. (1923). From Belfast, Ireland comes this delicate, pale pink beauty, shading darker to the center, reverse carmine . . . high centered, very large, handsome and distinctive. Vigorous grower. Each 1.50

Ma Perkins. Floribunda. P.A.F. 2½-3 feet, compact. All-America winner in 1953. Another fine Floribunda has won the coveted AARS award, which assures hardiness and fine performance in all locations. "Sparkling coral shell-pink, with a rich unusual fragrance" says expert grower, O. S. Weeks. When its All-America, we waste no adjectives. These 'Gene Boerner floribundas are great roses! Each 2.25

Masquerade. Floribunda. Patent 975. 3 feet. This new ever-blooming Floribunda really deserves that over-worked word "sensational." A profusion of yellow buds open first to rose-pink, then turn deep red, then pink, and finally lemon-orange tones, thus covering the plant with a great variety of colors, at the same time. To lovers of unusual roses, this is for you! 3 for 5.25; Each 2.00

Miniature Tree Roses. "Attention, please." We are offering for the first time, a delightful novelty—ten inch miniature tree roses on strong, self-supporting canes. Two colors and varieties are available in 1953—BABY GOLD STAR, a profusion of dainty yellow buds, unfolding slowly into star-like flowers, from the glossy foliage. OAKINGTON RUBY, similar except the exquisite tiny flowers are ruby-red. Have the quality and charm of the Japanese dwarf trees . . . equally attractive in containers or planted in the garden . . . make the daintiest of corsages. Please specify colors. Any 3 for 9.00; Each 3.50

Names for Musk Seedlings. After carefully considering all names submitted and customer comments thereon, we have decided on WIND CHIMES as best expressing the illusive quality of Musk Seedling No. 5, and MUSKETEER for the bigger and bolder blooms of the DOUBLE MUSK SEEDLING. We hope these names will enjoy majority approval.

New Yorker H. T. Patent 823. We have found to our sorrow that unpopular names frequently kill interest in worthy roses—so when New Yorker appeared brilliantly on the rose horizon, we reacted unfavorably and looked the other way—modestly (?), mind you, the catalog-writer being a native-born New Yorker himself. But this striking “red, red” rose belongs to the nation . . . we succumb to customer pressure from all points . . . we agree it is a beauty and a grand performer! 3 for 5.25; Each 2.00

Nora Cunningham. Climber. H. Tea. (1920). Still another good reason to be grateful to the great Australian hybridist, Allister Clark. We have yet to find a “dud” among his many creations. This is a vigorous, free-blooming climber, remontant with us, producing large, semi-double, flesh-pink blooms, paling to the center. Altogether charming. Each 1.75

Opera H. T. Patent 1017. Fresh over from la belle France, and bedecked with Gold Medals in international competition at Bagatelle, London and Geneva. Brilliant scarlet, suffused golden at the base, beautifully formed and very richly colored. “Thirty million Frenchman can’t be wrong,” not to mention the Swiss and the British. 3 for 5.25; Each 2.00

Pink Satin. H. Tea. A very hardy hybrid tea with Floribunda blooming and growth habit . . . compact, bushy, moderate height. Produces in constant profusion, clear rose-pink, large cupped blooms with showy golden stamens. Highly endorsed by one of our favorite nurserymen, Bobbink & Atkins, and much admired by us. Each 1.50

Portadown Fragrance. H. Tea. (1931). Thanks to the special interest of the late Dr. John Gage, we have revived for discriminating rosarians, one of the best of the McGreedy Irish creations, in brilliant and most unusual tones of orange-scarlet, and salmon-pink . . . verbena and tea fragrance. Have enough only for the connoisseurs in 1953. Each 2.00

Stella Polaris. H. Rugosa. A very free-blooming, single, silvery white rugosa which competes with rugosa Blanc Double Couvert for first honors in its color and class. Produces those big orange hips, so handsome in fall. The catalog-writer cannot decide between them . . . we can grow but one . . . will customers please make the decision. Each 1.75



This Addenda will serve to announce the retirement of Mrs. Marjorie W. Lester from the partnership of Lester & Tillotson Rose Gardens, effective at the close of season 1952. Mrs. Lester will continue to greet visitors in her picturesque garden of old roses, on the Brown Valley Road, Watsonville, at its best from mid-May to July 1st.

The business will carry on under the direction of Will Tillotson, ably assisted by “Hon. Secretary,” Mrs. Dorothy Stemler, and the same crew, whose fine packaging received many compliments this year.

Will Tillotson assumes full responsibility for orders already confirmed by the partnership, together with credits, replacements, etc. The all-important details of shipping advices and correspondence pertaining to orders, will be centralized under one direction, to the great improvement of our service to customers.

No rose-grower escapes occasional bad luck . . . there are good and not-so-good seasons for all of us, and perfection remains an ideal to strive for. No-one tries harder than we to do the job right, and to merit the continued confidence of those who buy our roses.

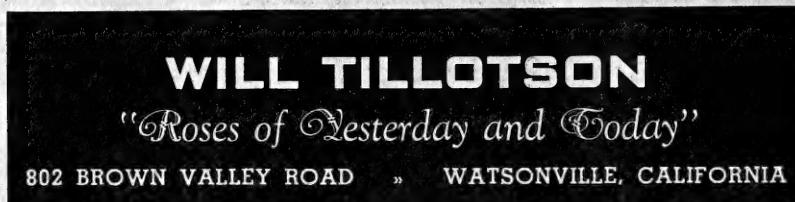
In closing, the “catalog-writer” is reminded of the words written in our first catalog, 1946, following the death of one of the rose-world’s great gentlemen, Francis E. Lester,

from "Hail and Farewell" in part, as follows . . . "We shall do our humble best to maintain his high ideals of integrity and service; to keep love for the rose before profit, and to see that the charm and sentiment of the old-fashioned roses is not forgotten."

I look back over the efforts of the past seven difficult years and feel that the spirit of those simple words has been maintained.

We move into the future with the confidence which comes from experience, learned the hard way, and with greater admiration than ever for the charm and garden value of the old roses. We shall continue to sing their praises.

For the hundreds of encouraging letters which come to us each season, again a warm thank-you, good friends, deep-down from all of us.



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